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The Money Monitor

...keeping track of how Washington wants to spend your money Week of May 7-May 11, 2001

Though the House was in session this week, it authorized no new spending.

Five-year cost of House authorizations passed *this week*: **\$0.00**

Year-to-date total of five-year costs of House authorizations: \$1,121,700,000.00

Five-year cost of House mandatory spending passed *this week*: **\$0.00**

Year-to-date total of five-year costs of House mandatory spending: \$16,000,000,000.00

An authorization explicitly allows funding for a certain program and / or directs a federal agency to take a certain action. Authorizations express the House's intent to spend, however, actual funding is provided through the annual appropriations process. **Authorizations that would result in no net cost are not reported here.**

Mandatory spending directly establishes an appropriation. No subsequent action is required for the money to be spent.

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